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COUNTRY: WEST GERMANY/CHINA

DOI : 1 MAY 1971

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF CHINESE COMMUNIST SEAMEN IN HAMBURG POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY PRO-CHINESE

COMMUNIST PARTY OF GERMANY/MARXIST-LENINISTS
(KOMMUNISTISCHE PARTEI DEUTSCHLANDS/MARXISTEN-

LENINISTEN - KPD/ML)

ACQ : GERMANY, HAMBURG (3 MAY 1971) EGG-1700

SOURCE: PARAGRAPH I FROM A WEST GERMAN COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEE

WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN LEFTIST CIRCLES IN HAMBURG. HE HAS PRO
VIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN

THE LIMITS OF HIS ACCESS. HE PERSONALLY WITNESSED THE DEMONSTRA
TION DESCRIBED BELOW. PARAGRAPH 2 FROM AN OFFICIAL WEST GERMAN

SERVICE.

1. TWENTY CHINESE COMMUNIST SEAMEN WERE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS
IN A 1 MAY 1971 DEMONSTRATION IN HAMBURG ORGANIZED BY THE KPD/ML.

(FIELD COMMENT: THE KPD/ML IS A RADICAL PRO-CHINESE SPLINTER

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GROUP FOUNDED ON 31 DECEMBER 1968 BY ERNST A UST, A FORMER FUNCTIONARY OF THE NOW ILLEGAL GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY - KOMMUNISTISCHE PARTEI DEUTSCHLANDS.) 700 - 1000 DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED FOR A RALLY WITH AUST AS THE MAIN SPEAKER FOLLOWED BY A PARADE THROUGH THE CITY. AUST BROUGHT THE CHINESE TO THE RALLY FROM HAMBURG HARBOR. THE SEAMEN, DRESSED IN IDENTICAL BLUE/GRAY UNIFORMS, SANG "THE EAST IS RED" IN CHINESE AND HEADED THE MARCH, RHYTHMICALLY WAVING RED MAO BOOKS AND JOINING IN REPEATED CHORUSES OF "MAO TSE-TUNG." THE ENTIRE AFFAIR WAS IMPRESSIVELY WELL-ORGANIZED AND DISCIPLINED. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE DEMONSTRATION WAS SURPRISINGLY LARGE SINCE THE KPD/ML IN HAMBURG HAS ONLY ABOUT 100 MEMBERS.)

2. THE DEMONSTRATION BEGAN AT 10:00 A.M. AND LASTED APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON A CONVOY OF 13 CARS, LED BY A TRUCK WITH KPD/ML BANNERS, TRAVELED TO THE BERTH IN HAMBURG HARBOR OF THE MS "SAPPHIRE," OF SOMALILAND REGISTRY.

30 CHINESE CREW MEMBERS FORMED IN RANKS IN FRONT OF THE SHIP AND JOINED THE 80 OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN SINGING THE "INTERNATIONAL." THE CEREMONY WAS OVER IN TEN MINUTES. (FIELD COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ORIGIN OF THE CHINESE SEAMEN CANNOT BE CONCLUSIVELY

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DETERMINED, THE SHIPPING AGENT FOR THE MS "SAPPHIRE" IS
RICKMERS-LINIE, EXCLUSIVE AGENT IN GERMANY FOR SINOFRACHT AND
ITSELF ENGAGED IN SHIPPING TO CHINA. THE SHIP ARRIVED IN
HAMBURG ON 29 APRIL FROM CHINA. RICKMERS-LINIE IS ALSO THE
AGENT FOR THE "ASIA AFRICA," THE ONLY SHIP IN HAMBURG HARBOR ON
I MAY OF CHINESE COMMUNIST REGISTRY. THE "ASIA AFRICA" ARRIVED
ON 26 APRIL FROM THE RED SEA AREA. THERE IS NO INFORMATION ON
HOW ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEMONSTRATION
WERE MADE, BUT AUST IS KNOWN TO HAVE CONNECTIONS TO THE CHINESE
COMMUNISTS THROUGH THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY IN BONN.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: NONE (SENT \_ \_ GP-1.
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